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Dear

Your recent letter, the interest it expresses in this Agency and your desire to serve your country are most gratifying to us here. Thank you for writing.

As a matter of practice, the Central Intelligence Agency does not recommend specific courses or general areas of concentration to students considering an eventual career with the Agency. Experience has shown that persons of widely divergent backgrounds have had successful intelligence careers. Further, the Agency employs specialists in almost all fields, not to mention many "generalists."

An interest in foreign affairs is, of course, essential for someone who seeks a career in a foreign intelligence agency and a knowledge of or aptitude for foreign language is an important consideration.

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet outlining the history and functions of this Agency, a brochure describing career opportunities, and an article from AMERICAN EDUCATION magazine. We hope this material will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Goodwin  
Assistant to the Director

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